



SUMMARY OF DAY'S NEWS

THE WEATHER.
WASHINGTON, April 11.—Forecast for Sunday and Monday:
Virginia—Rain and warmer in north, generally fair in south portions; Monday fair, cooler; fresh south winds becoming variable.
North Carolina—Generally fair Sunday and Monday, cooler Monday; fresh south winds becoming variable.

Despite a slight sprinkling of rain yesterday was a fairly comfortable day. The weather prophet does not think that today—Easter Sunday—will be altogether a pretty one. In some portions rain will fall, and in others it will be fair. A lower temperature is expected to prevail Monday.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.
A. M. 64
12 M. 64
P. M. 62
Midnight 60
Average 62.5

Highest temperature yesterday 64
Lowest temperature yesterday 60
Mean temperature yesterday 62
Normal temperature for April 63
Departure from normal temperature -1
Precipitation during past 24 hours1

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
April 12, 1908.
Sun rises 5:41
Sun sets 7:39
Moon rises 5:59
Moon sets 6:42
Moon phase 1st quarter

RICHLAND.

General Rufus A. Ayers announces his candidacy for the Governorship. Mr. Ayers, who has been mentioned frequently in the past twelve months as a gubernatorial possibility, last night admitted to a Times-Dispatch reporter that he would be a candidate for the Democratic nomination in the primary to be held in the summer of 1908.

"Yes, I have decided to be a candidate for Governor in 1908," said Mr. Ayers, when reminded of the frequent mention of his name among those of the probable candidates for that office. "I have received so many expressions from gentlemen in all portions of the State urging me to enter the race that I have decided to announce my candidacy. These voluntary assurances of support, coming as they do from every section of the State, are very gratifying, and encourage me to believe that I shall have a strong following in those localities."

CANDIDATE OF NO FACTION.
"I am the candidate of no faction or wing of the party, but am in the field

MURDERED MOTHER AND HER CHILD

Swift Vengeance Over-
takes Negro Fiend.

A FEARFUL CRIME IN SHREVEPORT, LA.

Mrs. Mathews Assaulted and
Hacked to Pieces.

LITTLE GIRL VICTIM OF THE MURDERER'S FURY

The Criminal Pursued by a Posse and
Shot to Death While Making a Dash
to Escape—An Axe the Weapon
Used in the Commission of
the Negro's Sickening Crime.

(By Associated Press.)
SHREVEPORT, La., April 11.—Mrs. Aline Mathews, aged forty-five, wife of Frank Mathews, a well known civil engineer, was brutally murdered in her bed early this morning by a negro, who, it is believed, assaulted his victim. The woman's little daughter, Aline, aged ten, was fatally wounded. An axe was the instrument employed in both cases. Ed. Porter, a negro strongly suspected of the crime, was shot to death by two police sergeants while attempting to escape. He had been run down at a point about five miles from Shreveport.

ALMOST HACKED TO PIECES.
The discovery of the crime was made at 5:30 o'clock this morning by a servant who entered the bedroom of Mrs. Mathews. The unfortunate woman, who was almost hacked to pieces, had been dead for some time. Her little daughter was still alive when the servant entered. Entrance was effected through a side window, and although there were fifteen persons in the house, which is situated in the very heart of the residence district of Shreveport, no one heard a single suspicious sound during the night.

The skull of Mrs. Mathews was crushed, and the indications are that she had been criminally assaulted. The child's skull was fractured, her chest crushed and shoulder lacerated.

Mrs. Mathews wore a diamond ring and a diamond watch, which were not touched by the murderer. Three pocket-books containing money were also left in the room. An axe covered with blood and hair was found in the kitchen.

CRIMINAL SHOT TO DEATH.
Bloodhounds took up the trail, but lost it after going a short distance. A Kansas City Southern engineer notified the police of the appearance of a negro, who came upon the negro. He made a desperate dash for the ravine, and the officers fired four shots at him, two of which took effect in his back, killing him instantly. The negro's clothing was covered with blood, and his shoes fitted with bloody footprints in the kitchen of the Matthews home.

**IS THE PRESIDENT LOST?
NO SPEECH SINCE THURS.**
(By Associated Press.)
CINNABAR, MONT., April 11.—Secretary Loeb received no word from President Roosevelt to-day. The President has not been heard from since Thursday.

**HONOR MEMORY
OF JEFFERSON**
Preparations Complete for
Special Exercises at His
Tomb.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., April 11.—Preparations are about complete for the celebration of Jefferson's birthday on Monday. The exercises will be held, beginning at noon at the tomb of Jefferson, and not at the University of Virginia, as at first anticipated, and will be under the auspices of the American Revolution, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons of the Revolution, together with representative citizens of Charlottesville.

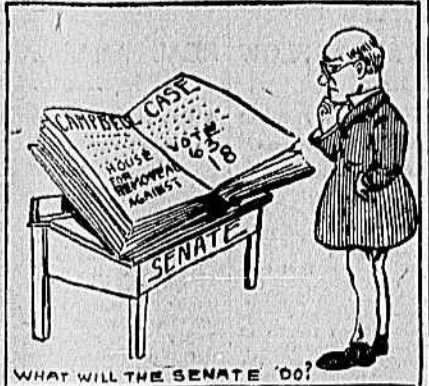
During the course of the exercises at the tomb, a number of addresses will be delivered by some prominent speakers. Captain Michael Woods will be master of ceremonies. The Hon. Jefferson M. Levy will come down from New York to attend the ceremonies.

This is the first time that exercises of this nature have been held in Charlottesville, and it is intended that it shall be an annual affair. Invitations have been sent all over the country, inviting the persons addressed to send wreaths or other tributes to be placed on the tomb. A floral piece has already been received from the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association.

Appropriate music will be sung at the exercises, the exercises closing with the decoration of the monument with beautiful wreaths. Members of the Jefferson family will participate in the exercises and place the wreaths upon the monument.

SOLD INTO SERVITUDE AND AT LOW PRICE

(By Associated Press.)
JACKSON, KY., April 11.—Bruce Marcum has been sold into servitude for six months under the vagrancy law. Marcum had such a reputation for idleness and abhorrence of work that the highest bid was only \$3.00. The bid was made by William Griffith, who must provide for him for the time he is in servitude. Marcum is twenty-seven years old and is a member of a well-known family. United States Court Commissioner James M. Marcum is his uncle.



THE WORLD'S NEWS AS SEEN BY THE TIMES-DISPATCH CARTOONIST.

FOUGHT FOR THREE DAYS

Desperate Battle Required of
Pershing's Force.

BOMBARD FORTIFICATIONS

Column Carried Forward a Bamboo
Bridge With Which to Cross Moat
When Assault Was Made—Fighting
Inside Forts.

(By Associated Press.)
MANILA, April 11.—The investment of Bacolod, Island of Mindanao, which was captured by Captain Pershing's forces, after a fight in which a hundred Moros were killed, occupied three days. The final assault was made at noon Wednesday. Desperate fighting took place inside the forts. Seven cannons were captured and eleven Americans wounded, a few of them seriously. It is probable that all the Americans will recover.

The column approached Bacolod early on Monday and found a new fort, which had been a year under construction, flying battle flags. The Moros did not wait to be attacked, but fired a volley, which wounded two Americans. Captain Pershing then decided to bombard the fortifications, and McNair and Gaffey's batteries dashed for the ravine, and the officers fired four shots at him, two of which took effect in his back, killing him instantly. The negro's clothing was covered with blood, and his shoes fitted with bloody footprints in the kitchen of the Matthews home.

GENERAL DAVIS CABLES AN ACCOUNT OF FIGHT

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, April 11.—General Davis has cabled the following report of Captain Pershing's attack upon the Moro fortress at Bacolod:
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SHOOTS HIS LOVE AND KILLS HIMSELF

Will Alexander Fires Upon
His Sweetheart and Then
Takes His Own Life.

(By Associated Press.)
LITTLE ROCK, ARK., April 11.—This afternoon on the sidewalk in front of Christ's Church, at Fifth and Scott Streets, in this city, Will Alexander, thirty-two years of age, shot and seriously wounded Miss Irla T. Young, a handsome young woman, employed as a milliner. Alexander after firing two shots at Miss Young, put the pistol's muzzle to his left temple and sent a bullet through his brain. It is thought Miss Young will recover.

Alexander, who is the son of Dr. W. G. B. Alexander, of Carlisle, Ark., recently returned from the Philippine Islands, where he was a private in the forty-fourth U. S. Volunteers. He and Miss Young, it is said, were sweethearts when children. Miss Young was married to another man and Alexander to another woman. Miss Young had been granted a divorce, and her maiden name had been restored to her by order of the court.

LOVERS ARE MADE HAPPY

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CAUGHT WRONG COUPLE

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Mr. Marvin D. Mauck, a prominent merchant, and Miss Mary Emma Carter, daughter of Dr. D. D. Carter, both of Woodstock, and Mr. Raymond C. Anderson, a junior of Woodstock, and Miss Ruby Tolbard, daughter of a wealthy lumber dealer, of Davis, W. Va., who was attending the Episcopal Female Institute at Winchester, eloped on Friday night from Winchester, successfully evading the officers who tried to arrest them, and were married in Baltimore to-day.

Only by carefully prearranged plans were the couples able to get away without being stopped. Although their plans were formed together, the two couples separated, driving to out-of-the-way stations on the Shenandoah Valley road to escape the officers of several communities, who, as they anticipated, were promptly urged by wire to use every endeavor to stop them. With every precaution taken, Miss Carter and her lover were stopped at Berryville, and he was arrested, but by good luck the officers there were especially on the lookout for Miss Tolbard and Mr. Anderson, and being unable to identify these eloping lovers by the descriptions given of their eloping partners, they were released and allowed to proceed on their journey.

Several trains on the Norfolk and Western Railway were searched in the hope of catching one or the other of the couples, but by going to Baltimore instead of Hagerstown, they passed through the cordon of officers. They finally communicated with each other, reached Harper's Ferry at an early hour this morning, and proceeded to Baltimore, where the knot was tied on their journey.

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The coffin slipped and fell overboard and knocked one of the sailors from the launch into the water. The sailor was uninjured, and the coffin was rescued without serious trouble.

SAY THAT ELLIS MADE THREATS

Evidence Taken in New York
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George Gordon Battle, counsel for Mrs. Ellis, said:
"Mr. Ellis is a dangerous lunatic and has threatened to kill his wife. He has written letters to Frank H. Fries, former president of the Roanoke and Southern Railroad, threatening to kill. He claims that Mr. Fries owes him \$250,000 for alienating his Bible Class from him."

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"Yes," replied the physician, "he told me he used to be very taciturn in his youth."

Mr. Fargis exclaimed:
"Why, George Washington was very taciturn in his youth! Would you consider that a mark of insanity?"

"Not at all," George Washington, replied the doctor.

Ellis is from the South. He is a rich tobacco merchant at Salem, N. C., but lost a great deal of money, and, selling out, came to this city, where he became associated with a publishing house.

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DANVILLE NOW VERY, VERY DRY

But Yesterday It Appears to
Have Been Wet, Very Wet,
from Liquor Sales Made.

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DANVILLE, VA., April 11.—The saloon men were notified this morning that they would have to close their places to-night at 10 o'clock, and they have been selling out to-day at reduced prices. There was, perhaps, never so much liquor sold in the city in two months as has been sold here to-day. One saloon-keeper said he had sold over two hundred gallons, and it is conservatively estimated that the total sales of liquor in Danville to-day will reach 2,500 gallons. There is not as much drunkenness and disorder on the streets to-night as had been feared, and it is thought that the night will pass off without any serious disturbances. The whiskey men are very much disheartened, as some of them have recently bought property and put in new fixtures and equipment.

PORTER HAD SMALLPOX ON A PULLMAN CAR

(By Associated Press.)
JAMESTOWN, N. Y., April 11.—The colored porter of a Pullman car attached to Erie train No. 6, east-bound, was taken sick at Mendonville last night, and a passenger was sent to this city for a physician to prescribe for him when the train arrived. The examination showed that he had smallpox. The car was quickly quarantined with all of its passengers. It was also tracked, and much against the protest of the passengers, was left there when they departed. Later it was attached to another train and proceeded toward New York, still under close quarantine. The porter was placed in another car by himself and remained here under strict quarantine. All the passengers submitted to being vaccinated.

VIRGINIA BOY PICKED FOR HARVARD SQUAD

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CAMBRIDGE, MASS., April 11.—John Tazewell Jones, '04, of Old Point Comfort, Va., has been picked for the Harvard Varsity football squad, which has just started spring practice, with the idea of developing a strong team early in the season. Jones is considered an unusually competent player and end, and is showing up excellently in practice. He is counted as sure to make at least a substitute end position for the team next fall, as he has had considerable experience.

NEGROES MUST GO TO THE NEGRO SCHOOL

(By Associated Press.)
TOPEKA, KAN., April 11.—The Supreme Court to-day decided that the Topeka Board of Education can maintain separate schools for white and negro children, and can compel the negro children to attend the negro school. A colored man had taken his son to the white school, and the pupil was refused admittance. Mandamus proceedings were then brought against the board to compel them to admit the negro.

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This is a preliminary suit to be followed by others, involving 43,000 acres of property in Virginia and West Virginia. The property in question forms a large part of that claimed by Mrs. Florence E. Maybrick, the American woman imprisoned in England for the alleged murder of her husband. The Baltimore firm represents Edward M. Sheldon, of Buffalo, N. Y., and George H. Calbert, of Washington, D. C.

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GEN. RUFUS A. AYERS IS CANDIDATE

Decides to Run for the
Governorship.

ANNOUNCEMENT IS FORMALLY MADE

Urged by Friends in All Parts
of the State.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Put in Jail Because He Did His Duty in
the Face of the Injunction of
a Federal Judge—Was a
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on my record as a citizen and a Democrat, and shall make my campaign on that record. While I am a resident of the southwestern portion of the State, I am not the candidate of any section or geographical division. Being actively identified with the development of the State, I am sure I can place the people's business administration, if elected. General Ayers was on the point of leaving for New York on business when he was seen by the reporter, having just had a telegram calling him to that city. He has been in the city for several days, being interested in the proposed tannage tax on the city of Richmond.

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